

THE  
FIRST CATECHISM.

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THE  
YOUNG CHILD'S  
CATECHISM.

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1 Question. CAN you tell me, child, who made you ?

Answer. The great GOD, who made heaven and earth.

2 Q. What doth GOD, do for you ?

A. He keeps me from harm by night and by day, and is always doing me good.

3 Q. And what must you do for this great GOD who is so good to you ?

A. I must learn to know him first, and then I must do every thing to please him.

4 Q. Where doth God teach us to know him and to please him?

A. In his holy word, which is contained in the Bible.

5 Q. Have you learned to know who God is?

A. God is a spirit; and though we cannot see him, yet he sees and knows all things, and he can do all things.

6 Q. What must you do to please God?

A. I must do my duty both towards God and towards man.

7 Q. What is your duty to God?

A. My duty to GOD, is to fear and honour him, to love and serve him, to pray to him, and to praise him.

8 Q. What is your duty to man ?

A. My duty to man, is to obey my parents, to speak the truth always, and to be honest and kind to all.

9 Q. What good do you hope for by seeking to please GOD ?

A. Then I shall be a child of GOD, and have GOD for my father and my friend for ever.

10 Q. And what if you do not fear GOD, nor love him, nor seek to please him ?

A. Then I shall be a wicked child, and the great GOD will be angry with me.

11 Q. Why are you afraid of God's anger ?

A. Because he can kill my body, and he can make my soul miserable after my body is dead.

12 Q. But have you never done any thing to make God angry with you already ?

A. Yes, I fear I have too often sinned against God, and deserved his anger.

13 Q. What do you mean by sinning against God ?

A. To sin against God, is to do any thing that God forbids me, or not to do what God commands me.

14 Q. And what must you do to be saved from the anger of God which your sins have deserved ?

A. I must be sorry for my sins, I must

pray to GOD to forgive me what is past,  
and serve him better for the time to  
come.

15 Q. Will GOD forgive you if you  
pray for it ?

A. I hope he will forgive me, if I  
trust in his mercy, for the sake of what  
JESUS CHRIST has done, and what he  
has suffered.

16 Q. Do you know who JESUS  
CHRIST is ?

A. He is GOD's own son, who came  
down from heaven to save us from our  
sins, and from GOD's anger.

17 Q. What has CHRIST done towards  
the saving of men ?

A. He obeyed the law of GOD him-  
self, and hath taught us to obey it also.

18 Q. And what has CHRIST suffered in order to save men?

A. He died for sinners who have broke the law of GOD, and who deserved to die themselves.

19 Q. Where is JESUS CHRIST now?

A. He is alive again, and gone to heaven, to provide a place there for all that serve GOD and love his SON JESUS.

20 Q. Can you of yourself love and serve GOD and CHRIST?

A. No, I cannot do it of myself; but GOD will help me by his own spirit if I ask him for it.

21 Q. Will JESUS CHRIST ever come again?

A. CHRIST will come again, and call me and all the world to account for what we have done.



22 Q. For what purpose is this account to be given ?

A. That the children of GOD, as well as the wicked, may all receive according to their works.

23 Q. What must become of you if you are wicked ?

A. If I am wicked I shall be sent down to everlasting fire in hell among wicked and miserable creatures.

24 Q. And whither will you go if you are a child of GOD ?

A. If I am a child of GOD I shall be taken up to heaven, and dwell there with GOD and CHRIST for ever.  
AMEN.

# PRAYERS

FOR

## LITTLE CHILDREN.

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*Note,* As soon as Children begin to learn the foregoing Catechism, they should also learn the following Prayers.

### *The Infant's, or young Child's* MORN- ING PRAYER.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, the maker of every thing in heaven and earth; the darkness goes away, and the day-

light comes at thy command : thou art good, and thou dost good continually.

I thank thee that thou hast taken such care of me this night, and that I am alive and well this morning.

Save me, O GOD, from evil all this day long, and let me love and serve thee for ever, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST thy son. *Amen.*

Bestow on me every good thing that I have need of for my body and my soul : assist me by thy holy spirit to do thy will : make me always afraid to offend thee, and let me live and die in thy favour.

Hear the prayer of a child, O LORD, and pardon all my sins, because thy beloved son died once on earth for sinful creatures, though he never sinned himself, and now he lives in heaven to pray from them and save them : let his name be praised for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Infant's, or young Child's* EVEN-  
ING PRAYER.

**O** LORD GOD, who knowest all things, thou seest me by night as well as by day.

I pray thee, for CHRIST'S sake, forgive me whatsoever I have done amiss this day, and keep me safe all this night while I am asleep.

I desire to lie down under thy care, and to abide for ever under thy blessing, for thou art a GOD of all power and everlasting mercy. *Amen.*

Bless all my friends, as well as myself: do good to them at all times and in all places, and help me always to serve them in love.

And when I have done thy will here, by thy grace assisting me, and enjoyed thy blessings on earth, then give my soul

a place in heaven to dwell with thee there, and with thy son JESUS CHRIST: for heaven and earth, and all things in them, are thine for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The young Child's PRAYER for the Lord's Day, to be added to the Morning Prayer.*

**S**UFFER me not, O LORD, to waste this thy day in sin and folly; but let me worship thee with much delight. Teach me to know more of thee, and to serve thee better than ever I have done before, that I may be fitter to dwell in heaven where thy worship and service are everlasting. *Amen.*

*The young Child's PRAYER for the Lord's Day, to be added to the Evening Prayer.*

**O** Most gracious God, let me never forget the many good things that I

have heard this day! but let them abide in my heart so as to amend my life, that I may be able to give a good account of them to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, when he comes to judge the world at the last day. *Amen.*

*The Infant's GRACE before Meat.*

BLESS me, O Lord, and let my food strengthen me to serve thee for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

*The Infant's GRACE after Meat.*

I desire to thank God who gives me food to eat every day of my life. *Amen.*

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